

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 AUG 68 0650 PDT 10/1350Z	2. LOCATION SELMA, CALIFORNIA
3. SOURCE CIVILIAN	10. CONCLUSION POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION TWENTY SECONDS	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted an object that would resemble 2 disk-harrow blades glued together. The object was sighted for 20 seconds and disappeared heading West.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND-VISUAL	COMMENTS: The observer stated that he was close to an airfield. Of the four people in the car at the time only his little sister (7½ years old) also saw the object.
7. COURSE WEST	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM

STD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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Dear Sir:

On Friday, 9 August, 1968, while travelling north on Highway 99 just north of Selma, California, my sister called my attention to what she termed a helicopter moving parallel to our car about 10 miles (or less) away. Upon careful examination, I noted that it did not resemble a helicopter nor any other conventional aircraft. After about twenty (20) seconds, the object suddenly took off at great speed straight up and disappeared from sight.

I thought about the object and its strange flight characteristics for a while, and arrived at the conclusion that it was a UFO and should be reported to the Air Force. Therefore, I am writing you to report my sighting in full. Enclosed is a facsimile of your official UFO report form (number FTD 164, dated October, 1962) with the questions answered to the best of my ability.

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[REDACTED]

Enclosures



UFO SIGHTING REPORT

Date: Friday, 9 August, 1968  
Time: 0650 PDT (A.M.)

Location at time of sighting: Northbound lane, highway 99, close to the Quinn Company Plant (Quinn CATERPILLAR), Selma, California (Fresno County)

Total duration of sighting: Twenty (20) seconds  
I am certain of this, since I used my wristwatch for reference.  
YES, the object was in sight continuously.

Sky condition: Bright (daylight)  
Sun location: In back of me (east)  
Weather conditions: CLOUDS--scattered, in the East only  
WEATHER--Dry

Appearance of object: Solid  
Sharply outlined

The object suddenly sped up and rushed away.  
The object did NOT move behind anything, at any time.  
The object did NOT move in front of anything at any time; however, it was approaching the moon (which was in the western sky) at the time of its disappearance.  
The object made no sound that I could hear (being so distant).  
The object was predominately gray, with a small white area on top, resembling a dome.  
I'm sorry, I do not understand question 18, concerning the angular size; therefore, I am unable to answer it.  
Descriptive picture below:

I'm sorry, I cannot estimate the object's speed.  
I estimate the object's distance from me to have been no more than ten (10) miles.

At the time of the sighting, I was in a car, on a highway, in open countryside, near an airfield (the one belonging to the Quinn Company).

Our car was moving north at a speed of 45-50 miles per hour (we were pulling a trailer).  
We did NOT stop at any time while I was looking at the object.

I observed the object through window glass at first. Then, I rolled the window down slightly.

If you were to glue two disk-harrow blades together, edge-to-edge, and hang the assembly in the sky, it would resemble the object.  
The object was about 20 degrees above the horizon at all times and



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was moving from due west to less than west-northwest.

There was only one object, moving north in a straight line.  
No, I have never seen this object before.

Yes, there were others, with me at the time of the sighting.  
Of three, only one, my sister, saw the object.  
Names and addresses:

1. [REDACTED] St., Selma, Calif. 93662  
(my father)
2. [REDACTED] lma, Calif. 93662  
(my mother)
3. [REDACTED] Selma, Calif. 93662  
(my sister)

I might also add that I am 14½ years old and a sophomore at Selma High School, majoring in pre-engineering.

Personal data:

NAME: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Selma, California 93662  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
AGE: 14½ years SEX: Male

This is the first report of this sighting that I have made.

This questionnaire was completed 25 August, 1968.  
The questions were taken from the book "Flying Saucers", by UPI and Cowles Communication, inc., which contains a facsimile of the official U.S. Air Force UFO Report Form (number FTD 164, dated October, 1962).

Please reply to this communication.